

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A container comprising:

an open top,

a closed bottom having an aperture located about a central portion thereof,

a wall extending between the open top and closed bottom,

~~a conduit in fluid communication with the aperture,~~

a flexible tube connected with the aperture ~~with the conduit~~,

means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall, and

means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,

wherein the container is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid

therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.
2. (original) The container according to claim 1 further comprising a handle connected with the wall.
3. (currently amended) The container according to claim 2- 1 further comprising means of maintaining the container upright on a surface.
4. (original) The container according to claim 3 further comprising an opening in the means of maintaining the container upright which is adapted to receive the tube.

5. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~4~~ 1 wherein the means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall includes a clasp connected with the wall.

6. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube includes ~~a clamp or~~ a plug.

7. (original) The container according to claim 6 wherein the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube is connected with the wall.

8. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1 wherein the means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall and the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube comprise a single member.

9. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1 wherein the conduit ~~forms an angle~~ closed bottom is slanted toward the opening.

10. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~9~~ wherein the angle ~~is adjustable~~ 8 wherein the single member is a clasp.

11. (currently amended) A drinking vessel comprising,

an open top, a closed bottom and a wall,

a hole through a central portion of the closed bottom,

a tube ~~in fluid communication~~ connected with the hole,

means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall, and

means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,

wherein the drinking vessel is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.

12. (original) The drinking vessel according to claim 11 further comprising a handle connected with the wall.

13. (currently amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 11 further ~~comprising a conduit linking the hole and tube in fluid communication~~ wherein the closed bottom is slanted toward the hole.

14. (currently amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 13 further ~~comprises~~ comprising a rim for maintaining the container upright on a surface.

15. (original) The drinking vessel according to claim 14 further comprising an opening in the rim adapted to receive the tube.

16. (original) The drinking vessel according to claim 15 wherein the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube includes a clamp or a plug.

17. (currently amended) The drinking vessel according to claim 16 wherein the means of securing the tube ~~adjacent to~~ with the wall includes a clasp connected with the wall.

18. (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~11~~ 17 wherein the means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall and the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube comprise a single member.

19. (currently amended) A cup comprising,

an open top and a closed bottom,

a hole through a central portion of the closed bottom,

a flexible tube in fluid communication connected with the hole,

means of securing the tube adjacent to with the mug, and

means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube,

wherein the cup is adapted and arranged for evacuating a fluid therefrom by gravity through the tube and conventionally through the open top.

20. (currently amended) The cup according to claim 19 further comprising ~~a~~ an inflexible substantially L-shaped conduit in fluid communication with the hole wherein the tube is attached to a free end of the L-shaped conduit.

21. (currently amended) The cup according to claim 20 wherein the ~~substantially L-shaped conduit forms an angle that is adjustable~~ the closed bottom slants toward the hole.

22. (currently amended) The cup according to claim 21 wherein the means of securing the tube adjacent to with the mug and the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube comprise a single member.

23. (currently amended) A method of evacuating a fluid from the cup of claim 18 19 comprising,

evacuating the cup conventionally through the open top by connecting the tube with the means of securing the tube with the cup and the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube and tipping the cup so that the fluid is evacuated from the cup through the open top, and

evacuating the cup by gravity through the tube by detaching the tube from the means of securing the tube adjacent to with the wall cup, disengaging and the means of preventing a fluid from flowing through the tube ~~from the tube~~, placing a free end of the tube in a desired location, and raising the ~~mug~~ cup to a height sufficient to evacuate the liquid from the ~~container~~ cup through the free end of the tube.